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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

TALHA AHMED,

Defendant.

No. 4:24-CR-06016-MKD

ORDER GRANTING STIPULATION
FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER RE
IDENTIFICATION OF MINOR
VICTIM PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. §
3509

ECF Nos. 23, 24

Before the Court is the parties' Stipulation for Protective Order Regarding Identification of Minor Victim Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3509, ECF No. 23, and related Motion to Expedite, ECF No. 24. Given the nature of the allegations in this case, the parties stipulate to impose privacy protection measures pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3509. The Court has reviewed the record and the motion and finds good cause to grant the stipulation.

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. The parties' Stipulation for Protective Order Regarding Identification of Minor Victim Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3509, **ECF No. 23**, is **GRANTED**.

2. The related Motion to Expedite, **ECF No. 24**, is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the privacy protection measures mandated by 18 U.S.C. § 3509(d), which apply when a case involves a person under the age of eighteen years who is alleged to be a victim of a crime of sexual exploitation, or a witness to a crime committed against another person, apply to this case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all persons acting in this case in a capacity described in 18 U.S.C. § 3509(d)(1)(B), shall:

- (i) Keep all documents that disclose the names, identities, personal identifying information (“PII”) or any other information concerning minors in a secure place to which no person who does not have reason to know their contents has access;
- (ii) Disclose such documents or the information in them that concerns minors only to persons who, by reason of their participation in the proceeding, have reason to know such information;
- (iii) Not permit Defendant to review discovery outside the presence of defense counsel or a defense investigator;
- (iv) Not permit Defendant to keep discovery in their own possession outside the presence of defense counsel or a defense investigator; and

- 1 (v) Not permit Defendant to keep, copy, or record the identities of any
2 minor or victim identified in discovery in this case.

3 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all papers to be filed in Court that
4 disclose the names or any other information identifying or concerning minors shall
5 be filed under seal without necessity of obtaining a Court order, and that the person
6 who makes the filing shall submit to the Clerk of the Court:

- 7 (i) The complete paper to be kept under seal; and
8 (ii) The paper with the portions of it that disclose the names or other
9 information identifying or concerning children redacted, to be placed
10 in the public record.

11 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the parties and the witnesses shall not
12 disclose minors' identities during any proceedings connected with this case. The
13 parties and witnesses will refer to alleged minor victims only by using agreed-upon
14 initials or pseudonyms (e.g., "Minor Victim 1"), rather than their bona fide names,
15 in motions practice, opening statements, during the presentation of evidence, in
16 closing arguments, and during sentencing.

17 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the United States may produce
18 discovery to Defendant that discloses the bona fide identity, images, and PII of the
19 alleged minor victim, in order to comply with the United States' discovery
20 obligations. Defendant, the defense team, Defendant's attorney and investigator,

1 and all of their externs, employees, and/or staff members, shall keep this
2 information confidential as set forth above.

3 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this ORDER shall apply to any
4 attorneys who subsequently become counsel of record, without the need to renew
5 or alter the ORDER.

6 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this ORDER shall apply to the bona fide
7 identity, images, and PII of any minors who are identified over the course of the
8 case, whether or not such minors are known to the United States and/or Defendant
9 at the time the ORDER is entered by the Court.

10 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The Clerk's Office is directed to enter this Order
11 and provide copies to all counsel.

12 **DATED** August 7, 2024.

13 s/Mary K. Dimke
14 MARY K. DIMKE
15 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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